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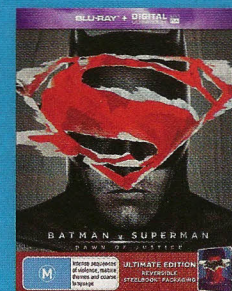
In the post-*Star Wars* milieu of the late 1970s, writer-producer Glen A. Larson launched a pair of science fiction series – *Battlestar Galactica* and *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*. The former has since been reimagined as a gritty space opera, while *Buck Rogers* remains frozen in time, like its eponymous hero. A malfunctioning life support system freezes astronaut William 'Buck' Rogers (Gil Gerard) for 500 years, before he's thawed out in the future and recruited by Earth Defense to protect the Earth against attacks by aliens and a myriad of nefarious villains.

Buck Rogers in the 25th Century ran for two seasons from August 16, 1979 to April 16, 1981, and like *Battlestar Galactica*, the pilot episode was re-edited and released as a standalone theatrical feature. Now, the show is making its Blu-ray debut in a deluxe 8-disc set that collects all 39 episodes of the cult series, transferred from HD masters. *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: The Complete Series* also offers the theatrical version of the pilot (in Standard Definition). Exclusive to the Blu-ray set are a feature-length version of *Flight of the War Witch* (in Standard Definition), and the syndicated 2-part



version of *Journey to Oasis* (in HD). Additional bonus features include ending and opening sequences for the 2-part version of *Awakening*, opening titles without narration, textless opening and closing titles, as well as an isolated music and effects audio track on each episode. Also available on DVD and out on August 17, *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: The Complete Series* is the perfect Father's Day nostalgia trip for dads who grew up watching the adventures of Buck, Colonel Wilma, and diminutive robot Twiki.

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DID YOU KNOW? Blu-ray is 10 years old this year! The first titles on the High Definition home entertainment format were released in the US on 20 June 2006. The launch package was comprised of Sony titles *50 First Dates*, *The Fifth Element*, *Hitch*, *House of Flying Daggers*, *Underworld: Evolution* and *xXx*, with the studio also distributing *The Terminator* for MGM on the same day. As of June 2008, more than 2,500 Blu-ray Disc titles were available in Australia and the UK.



WINTER IS COMING...

The Huntsman: Winter's War will include bonus material exclusive to Blu-ray. *Two Queens and Two Warriors* focuses on the film's female stars; *Meet the Dwarfs* explores the importance of all four dwarf characters and the actors portraying them; and *Magic All Around them* at the visual effects work and how the magic made it to the screen, from Freya's icy freeze to the goblins of the forest, plus an exclusive peek behind the curtain.

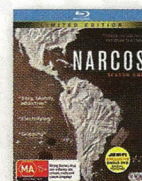
BLU-RAY ROUND-UP

10 Cloverfield Lane came out of nowhere this year and blew us away with an unpredictable plot, a monstrous performance by John Goodman, and a surprise ending. It's the kind of film that warrants behind-the-scenes investigation, and the extras assembled for the Blu-ray don't disappoint. Director Dan Trachtenberg and producer J.J. Abrams provide an illuminating and enthusiastic audio commentary that discusses all aspects of the production, and a selection of featurettes cover the bunker design, practical effects, and the moody music score from the talented Bear



McCreary (*The Walking Dead*, *Black Sails*). There's also a peek inside the Bad Robot visual and sound effects department. The HD transfer is spectacular and there's a Dolby Atmos audio option – all up, the perfect package.

Another release that will spark a desire for further insight into its subject matter is the first season of gritty gangster drama *Narcos*, which tells the true story of Pablo Escobar and the notorious Medellín Cartel. Delve deeper into the world of Columbia's drug lords from the safety of the couch, with the Limited



Edition Blu-ray that includes a bonus disc exclusive to JB Hi-Fi stores containing over 40 minutes of behind-the-scenes features that will, er, blow your mind.

Finally, the Coen brothers latest, *Hail, Caesar!*, sees the siblings back in quirky mode, with George Clooney headlining. But the true star is the lavish production design which meticulously recreates the glamour of 1950s Hollywood and is focus of a pair of featurettes – *An Era of Glamour* and *Magic of a Bygone Era*.

